

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-17 were pending. Claims 13-17 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-12 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment, of which claim 1 is the single independent claim. For the reasons stated below, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, claims 1-12 were allowed, but claims 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hill et al. in view of Katagishi et al. or Blakeney, II et al. or Weerackody et al. As claims 13-17 have been canceled, the §103 rejection is rendered moot, thereby leaving only allowable claims 1-12 in the application.

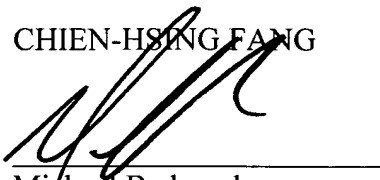
In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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